

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 780

## 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CASKEY.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 174, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to tuition rates for undergraduate students at institutions of higher education.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 174, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 174.800, to read as follows:

**174.800. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:**

**(1) Qualifying student:** A Missouri resident who is an undergraduate student enrolled in a qualifying institution after the 2003-2004 academic year.

**(2) Qualifying institution:** An institution of higher education in Missouri that receives any state funds whatsoever.

**2. Except as provided in subsection 3 of this section, during the four continuous academic years next following a qualifying student's initial enrollment at a qualifying institution, the tuition charged to a qualifying student shall not exceed the amount that the qualifying student was charged at the time the qualifying student first enrolled in the qualifying institution.**

**3. The tuition charged to a qualifying student enrolled in a degree program that requires more than four years to complete shall not exceed the amount that was charged at the time the qualifying student first enrolled in the qualifying institution for the customary time required to complete the degree program. The customary time required to complete a degree program shall be defined by the qualifying institution offering the program. If the qualifying student changes majors during the time period referred to in this or subsection 2 of this section, the tuition charged to the qualifying student shall equal the amount the qualifying student would have been assessed had the qualifying student been admitted to the changed major program when the qualifying student first enrolled in the qualifying institution.**